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IMPORT OF BLOOD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sources and the amount of blood collected by blood banks in one year in the country ;

(b) whether blood is also imported from foreign countries ;

(c) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the amount spent thereon;

(d) whether the imported blood is found infected with virus ;

(e) if so, the details thereof and its adverse impact; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check import of infected blood?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) In India, blood is collected only from voluntary and replacement blood donors by all licensed blood banks. The annual collection of blood in the year 2004 was 44,11,428 units. Of this, 23,12,871 units (52.24%) were collected from voluntary blood donors and 20,98,557 units (47.76%) were collected from replacement blood donors.

(b) No Sir. Blood is not imported from foreign countries. However blood products (blood fractions) are imported.

(c) to (f): Does not arise.